

1. Analyze the sample essay below, tick the items that apply in the chart on the next page (10 minutes)

A Sample For & Against Essay

Pay close attention to the structure that you can apply to your writings:

Animal Testing

Animal testing has benefited human health for years, and thousands of animals are used for testing all around the world to improve human health and life span. In US 99% of all active doctors say that animal research has helped for medical advancements, and 97% of these doctors support continuous use of animals for research. However, there are some people, as well, who believe that animal testing is cruel and it should not be legal. In this essay, I will outline both the advantages and disadvantages of animal testing.

There are some advantages of animal testing in labs. One of the good points about animal testing is that it is more difficult for scientists to carry out these tests on humans. It would be much crueler to test new drugs on people, or to let people die because of it. Another advantage is that the cost of animal testing makes it an affordable option. Laboratory animals are in abundance. It is easy to find rats and other animals, and keep and feed them in labs. Because of these advantages, some people consider animal testing as advantageous.

On the other hand, animal testing has various disadvantages. Because of the dangers of animal testing, many people have opposed this idea since it was carried out for the first time. Opponents of animal testing claim that it is harmful not only for the body of the animals but also for the psychology of them. Thousands of animals die or live in terrible conditions as a result of lab studies. Another problem is that the animals used in testing may face extinction as they are killed in labs. For many people, scientists commit crimes in these labs.

To sum up, it is a difficult to say whether animal testing is good or bad. Although it is easier to use these animals in labs for studies, it brings certain problems out for the animals. Perhaps, we need more detailed ethical rules and a law about animal testing in labs, and I personally believe that the advantages are greater than the disadvantages.

Organization of a *For & Against* Essay

2. Check out the basics of “For and against essay” below (5 minutes)

A *For & against* (advantages & disadvantages) essay that we studied consists of 4 paragraphs:

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Body 1 (Advantages Para.)
- ✓ Body 2 (Disadvantages Para.)
- ✓ Conclusion

1. Introduction paragraph includes:

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| A sentence that catches the reader’s attention (a hook). It may be a <u>question</u> , an <u>interesting</u> information or <u>statistical</u> data: | |
| A few sentences that include <u>background</u> information about the topic to give a broader picture of the issue or <u>details</u> about the <u>history</u> of the issue: | |
| A <u>thesis statement</u> that clearly states the writer’s point of view about the issue: | |

2. Body Paragraphs include:

| | 1 st Body | 2 nd Body |
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| A <u>topic sentence</u> to draw attention to the advantages (and disadvantages in Body 2) of the topic: | | |
| At least <u>2</u> <u>supporting</u> details: | | |
| <u>Explanations</u> of supporting details (they can be facts, examples, statistics, definitions, causes and effects, quotations, anecdotes, or even questions): | | |
| A <u>concluding</u> sentence that packs all in the paragraph (not a must): | | |

3. Conclusion paragraph includes:

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| A <u>restatement</u> of the thesis that was written in the introduction paragraph: | |
| A brief <u>summary</u> of advantages and disadvantages presented in body paragraphs: | |
| A <u>personal comment</u> , prediction, warning to reinforce the writer’s point of view: | |

3. Write a four-paragraph essay on whether or not you think new technology such as cell phones, computers, and DVDs benefit our society. Before you begin to write, review the suggested time management strategy below:

Step 1: BRAINSTORMING: 5 minutes

✓ Below, list three advantages and three disadvantages about the topic. Then list as many details as you can to explain each one.

Advantages:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Disadvantages:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Step 2: OUTLINING: 10 minutes

✓ Write an outline for your essay in the form below.

Introduction

Hook (Back ground information/questions/statistical, etc.) :

Thesis statement:

Body Paragraph 1

Topic sentence:

Support 1:

Support 2:

Body Paragraph 2

Topic sentence:

Support 1:

Support 2:

Conclusion

Personal comment, prediction, warning:

